Facilities for supply of water in Rural Habitations of Rajasthan

2324. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that existing facilities provided for water supply in rural habitations/major towns of Rajasthan particularly in Jaipur, Kota, Ajmer, Bikaner, Udaipur and Jodhpur are grossly inadequate;

(b) whether Government of India have received request for allocation of additional funds from Government of Rajasthan on 21.1.94 and also on 20.1.95 for drinking water supply projects etc.; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take or taken so far to provide the same indicating whether adequate provision of funds likely to be made in Ninth Five Year Plan for these projects as compared to 8th Five Year Plan period, please give full details particularly in respect of rural habitation in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) There is some inadequacy in the existing facilities for drinking water supply in not covered and partially covered rural habitations/some of the major towns in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) The State Government of Rajasthan vide letter dated 21.1.94 and 20.1.1995 had requested that the water supply and sewerage projects of Ajmer, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Kota and Udaipur towns may be forwarded for external funding. There was no request for allocation of additional funds. The Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) have recommended the projects for world bank assistance in January, 1995.

As regarding central assistance for drinking water supply in rural habitations, the allocation under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme has been increased from Rs. 82.22 crore in 1994-95 to Rs. 97.39 crore in 1995-96. Central Assistance is allocated on year to year basis.

Function of National Renewal Fund

2325. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:
SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main functions of the National Renewal Fund formed to project the interests of the employees affected due to closure of Government undertakings in Public Sector;

(b) what are the undertaking-wise details of the assistance provided by the above fund during the last two years; and

(c) what is the amount of financial assistance provided to this Fund during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The National Renewal Fund (NRF) has been set up by Government in February, 1992 to provide a social safety net for workers affected by technology upgradation, modernisation and industrial restructuring of Indian Industry. In the first instance, assistance from NRF has been provided for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in Central Public Sector Undertakings. The NRF, *inter-alia*, envisages assistance for counselling, retraining and redeployment of affected workers. So far, Employee Assistance Centres have been set up in 49 locations in 16 States in the country.

(b) The undertaking-wise details of the assistance provided by the National